

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2901–2902, and S. Res. 529. **Page S3304**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for Iraq's neighbors and other international partners to fulfill their pledges to provide reconstruction assistance to Iraq, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 523, expressing the strong support of the Senate for the declaration of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at the Bucharest Summit that Ukraine and Georgia will become members of the alliance.

S. Con. Res. 74, honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, for his service to the people of Ireland and to the world and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States. **Page S3304**

Measures Passed:

Inspector General Reform Act: Senate passed S. 2324, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3323–32**

Reid (for Kyl) Amendment No. 4575, to modify provisions relating to transfers and removals, duties of counsel, and comments on budget submissions. **Page S3328**

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 77, supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 2008, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3332**

Measures Considered:

Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance bene-

fits for disabled veterans, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3288–97**

Pending:

Burr Amendment No. 4572, to increase benefits for disabled United States veterans and provide a fair benefit to World War II Filipino veterans for their service to the United States. **Page S3297**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at approximately 10:30 a.m.; that the following amendments be the only amendments in order to the bill: Burr Amendment No. 4572 (listed above), the committee reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, a title amendment, and a managers' technical amendment that has been cleared by the managers and the Leaders; that there be a limit of 60 minutes of debate with respect to Burr Amendment No. 4572, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that upon disposition of the Burr Amendment No. 4572, and a managers technical amendment if cleared, the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, if amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill and that upon passage, the title amendment be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table. **Page S3332**

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2831, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 110), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Genetic Information Nondiscrimination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of S. 1315, Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 493, the Genetic Nondiscrimination Act; that the only amendment in order be an amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by Senators Snowe, Kennedy, and Enzi; provided further, that there be a total of 2 hours for debate on the bill and the amendment, with time equally divided and controlled between the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of all time, the amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christine O. Hill, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—110) Page S3288

Adjournment: Senate convened at 5:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command, United States Army Strategic Forces Command, and Joint Functional Component Command, Integrated Missile Defense, both of the Department of Defense.

PHANTOM TRAFFIC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine "phantom traffic"—telephone calls that do not have sufficient information or records for the local phone company to bill for access charges, after receiving testimony from Charles W. McKee, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Reston, Virginia; Lawrence E. Sarjeant, Qwest, and Angela Simpson, VON Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and Raymond Henagan, Rock Port Telephone Company, Rock Port, Missouri, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the